

A Trip to the Eye Doctor

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Tammy came home from school one day with a note from her teacher, Ms. Jones. The note said, "Tammy is having trouble seeing the board." "Maybe Tammy needs to have her eyes examined." After mom read the note, she asked Tammy how long had it been since she was having trouble seeing the board. Tammy said, "I think it's been about a month." "Why haven't you said anything?" Mom asked. "I'm calling Dr. Gray and making an appointment for you tomorrow after school," said Mom. Tammy went to her room and began to worry. *I don't want to wear glasses*, Tammy thought. She was afraid the girls at school would make fun of her. That night Tammy tossed and turned and did not sleep.



The next morning Mom said, "Don't forget we are going to see Dr. Gray after school today." Tammy said, "I don't feel well." "Maybe I should stay home from school." "Oh no," said Mom. "You are not going to try to get out of going to the eye doctor."

Mom picked Tammy up after school and went to Dr. Gray's office. When Tammy went in to see the doctor, she was so nervous. The doctor told her and her Mom that Tammy was having trouble seeing things from far away. She explained to Tammy that she would need to pick out some glasses to help her see well. Tammy's face showed a huge frown. "What's wrong?" asked Dr. Gray. "I don't want to wear glasses!" Tammy said. "All the girls are going to laugh at me." "Tammy, how come you aren't laughing at me?" Dr. Gray asked. "I'm wearing glasses." "You look so pretty in yours," said Tammy. "Suppose we pick out some glasses that look almost like mine?" Mom smiled. Tammy and Dr. Gray found some brown and black glasses like hers. Tammy put them on and read from far away for Dr. Gray. "Everything looks so clear!" said Tammy. "I really like my new glasses."

Tammy went to school the next day and put her glasses on to read the board. She expected the girls to laugh at her, but the girls said, "Tammy your glasses are so cool!" "I wish I had glasses," said Heather. "Me too," said Susan. Tammy felt so much better knowing she looked cool in her new glasses, and she realized she had worried for nothing.

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3. How would you describe Tammy when she knew she had to go to the doctor?
 - A. Tired
 - B. Excited
 - C. Happy
 - D. Worried

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